Abstract

This thesis looks at the system of Chinese syntactic structure, particularly the irregularity aspects of *ba* (把), *bei* (被) and *shi* (是) sentences. These three sentence structures are a special kind of sentence structure in Chinese grammar.

This study was prompted by the fact that Chinese grammar tends to show irregularities. There exist a large amount of irregularities in Chinese grammatical structures. As such, it seems that there are no grammatical rules in Chinese. This study attempts to show that this is not true. No systematic research on this issue has been done to date. Thus this thesis intends to provide further insights by investigating the existence of irregularities in the Chinese syntactic structure, and in doing so, hopes to explore the possible conditions for such existence.

Through the analysis of the existence and conditions for the presence of irregularities, this study will show that such phenomena is being observed. It further shows the flexibilitily in the Chinese grammatical system. Being a vital and interesting part of Chinese grammar, this aspect deserves a deeper and thorough research.